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## Good Shepherd E-News (22 February 2018)

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio--seeking to know and serve Christ in loving service to the campus, the community, and the world.

## This Sunday: 25 February 2018

### Second Sunday in Lent



**8:00 a.m.**

Holy Eucharist  
Rite I

**10:30 a.m.**

Holy Eucharist  
Rite II-A

## Upcoming Church Events

Spiritual Retreat in Lent - Saturday, February 24,  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Living Well Through Lent Study Group - Sunday, February 25,  
12:30-1:30 p.m., Hobson

Prayer Shawl meeting - Tuesday, February 27, June Wieman

Free Lunch - Wednesday, February 28, noon

Lenten Soup and Bread Supper - Wednesday, February 28,  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.

## Easter Lilies

Please complete a request form (located in

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From our friends  
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the Narthex) to order Easter lilies. They are \$16 per plant. Make checks payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd" putting "Easter lilies" in the memo line. Return forms and checks to Sharon Huge or put in Barb Martin's mailbox. **NOTE:** The deadline for ordering is **March 5**.



## Participants scheduled for

This Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018 - Second Sunday of Lent

**Altar Guild:** Sharon Huge, Joanne Larson and Suellen Denton

**Altar Flowers:**

**Coffee Hour:** David Burton and Julie Nehls

**8:00 a.m. Service:** Holy Eucharist Rite I

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Katharin Foster

**Lector:** Joanne Larson

**Prayer Leader:** Earl Stump

**10:30 a.m. Service:** Holy Eucharist Rite II-A

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Lector:** Jennifer Hastings

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jack Flemming (Prayer Leader) and Gregory Proctor

**Ushers:** Daniel Dygas and Bruce Martin

**First Crucifer:** Sharon Huge

**Lessons:** Lent 2 - Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:22-30; (sung); Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38.

<http://www.lectionarypage.net/>

## Please Include in Your Prayers

**In our world**, we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; we pray for peace with justice throughout the Middle East. We pray for all people affected by natural and environmental disasters. We pray also for the people who are suffering from war, especially all refugees. We pray for Donald, our president, and John, our Governor, the Supreme Court, and the

members of Congress.

**In our diocese**, we pray for Thomas, our Diocesan Bishop, and Nedi, our Assisting Bishop. We pray also for St. Philip's, Circleville; for Good Samaritan, Clermont County; for St. Edward's, Whitehall; St. James', Clintonville; and St. John's, Columbus.

**In our parish**, we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Deborah Woolsey, for our Associate Priests, the Rev. Leslie Flemming, the Rev. Katharin Foster, and the Rev. David McCoy, and for our ministry to students, the university, and the community. We pray for our friends at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Mérida, Mexico. We pray also for the Marthas.

**Those for whom our Prayers are Requested:** Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Paul, Linda, Pam, Jane, Louise, Ann and Bill, Stephen, Mary, the D'Andrea family, Julie, Chris, Sally, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Ann, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, and Alejandro, Candace, Emma, Bob and Sharon, Bill, Clif, William, Sharon, Vergie, Ernst, Monya, Angie, Patricia, David, Mark, Robert, Don, the Sheets family, Bob, Ann, John, Nancy, Laura, Consuelo and family, Joe, Arvin, Sandi, Sister Faith, and we pray for all who care for them.

**Birthdays:** Jane Forrest Redfern (2/25), Ron Isele (2/27), Chris Coleman (2/28), Sandy Olney (2/28), Ted Foster (3/1), Zelma Coleman (3/2), Laura Dukes (3/3), Thaden Brient (3/3)

**Anniversary:** Dick and Phyllis Dean (3/3)

## Gospel

## Second Sunday in Lent

Mark 8: 31-38



Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

## Wednesdays in Lent: Soup & Bread Dinner Program



**Please join us for a light meal and program exploring Emergence Christianity.** (Wednesday evenings 5:30 - 6:30.)

**About the Program:** Phyllis Tickle (founding editor of the religion department of Publishers Weekly, lecturer, author of over two dozen books in religion and spirituality, and leading voice in Emergence Christianity until her death in 2015) examines the changing face of Christianity and culture. Phyllis surveys two thousand years of Western history, identifying the great upheavals that occur in Western culture and Christianity every 500 years. The last was the Great Reformation of the 1500s; the next is happening right now.

Wed. Feb. 28 Emergence 101

Wed. Mar. 7 Question of Authority

Wed. Mar. 14 How then, shall we live?

Wed. Mar. 21 Evensong \*interested volunteers contact Mother Deborah and/or Marsha Reilly to plan this service together.

## A message from the bishop

My dear brothers and sisters,

I am heartbroken to be writing to you once again after a mass shooting. I commend to you the statement (please see link below) released after the tragic event at Marjory

Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, by Bishops United Against Gun Violence, a group of more than 70 Episcopal bishops (myself included) working to curtail the epidemic of gun violence in the United States.

I don't have much to add to what has been so eloquently written by this group, except to say that learning a young, active Episcopalian was among those killed brings this tragedy especially close to home. I ask that you take the steps listed in the statement for making our voices heard by our elected representatives. And as always, to keep those affected by this senseless tragedy held up in prayer.

Blessings,

+Bishop Tom Breidenthal

Please follow this link: [Bishops United Urges Assault Weapons Ban, Prayers of Lamentation](#)



# No More

Ever since my parents introduced me to the on-going British science fiction television series *Doctor Who*, I have often been encouraged by the way the main character, a Time Lord called the Doctor from the planet Gallifrey responds to the tragedies and disasters she encounters on her many adventures in time and space. In one of my favorite episodes, the Doctor returned to her home planet, which was in the middle of a war where three of the most powerful races in the galaxy had converged on the planet and many innocent people were suffering from the violence. The Doctor, who famously travels through time and space unarmed, lost all patience with her own people for keeping this war going for years and decided to end the war by destroying the planet and everyone in it. It was a painful decision, and one that was redeemed by future regenerations of the Doctor, who, by working together, found a way to end the war without destroying the planet.

I love that episode because it can be easy to relate to the Doctor's frustration, anger, and repeated heartbreak by declaring, "No more!" and doing the unthinkable just to make it all end. All the pain. All the suffering. All the tragic loss. But the terrible truth is, as the Doctor learned in that episode, even if his plan had succeeded, it would not have changed the universe much except it would be less one planet. What I found to be especially wise and creative was that the Doctor's own selves from the future (or the past, depending on how you look at it) worked out a better solution, one that didn't solve the problem that caused the war and violence but did end the war and gave hope to the person who started that episode, angry and sick and tired of seeing that which she loved being hurt and destroyed: the Doctor herself.

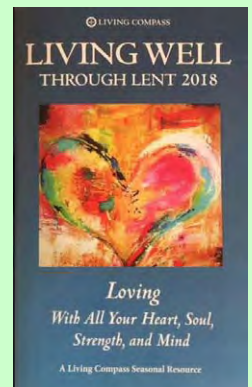
There are times I can almost relate to the day the Doctor felt such anguish, especially when I came home after a beautiful and moving Ash Wednesday experience to learn there was yet another mass shooting in a school and there are so many souls crying out in pain and understandable anger and my own heart breaks some more. And I yearn to yell, "No more!" too. But in the days following the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, I've been encouraged by the teenagers of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School who have been sharing their grief and anger and desire for change. Perhaps you know of the old cliché that says "the children are our future." As these teenagers rise up and speak out it feels very much like future "selves" are speaking to those of us in the present, and perhaps, like the Doctor, can help us see through our anger and frustrations to work together toward hope.

The truth is that gun violence has no simple solution, but that doesn't mean that there isn't hope. The Bishops Against Gun Violence (please see above article) have issued a statement naming actions we all can take; I recommend reading their statement. I also recommend listening to the voices of the "future" and pray they will have the fortitude to persevere in their calling and do what we can to support them to work together to create hope-filled ways forward.

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah

## Gift for YOU this Lent

The Lenten devotional *Living Well Through Lent 2018 Loving With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind* is now available. This year's devotional will explore love, and how for followers of Jesus love is "not a feel-good concept, but an urgent call to radically incarnate love in how we relate to God, our neighbor, and ourselves." Featuring contributors from all over the Episcopal Church, this booklet is free to us because of Mother Deborah's relationship with Living Compass ministries. We hope you will use this resource this season of Lent and that it helps you reflect on what it means to live a Christian life.



## Living Well Through Lent Group Study

Starting Sunday February 25, Mother Deborah will be facilitating a discussion group based on the Lenten resource *Living Well Through Lent 2018, Loving With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind* on Sunday afternoons at 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm in Hobson. Please join the discussion!

## Invitation to Help Plan Great Vigil of Easter

Our Director of Music Marsha Reilly and Mother Deborah invite you to help them plan this year's Great Vigil of Easter. This dramatic service is one of the oldest services still in use in the Episcopal Church and dates back to the early church. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about this service and work with Mother Deborah and Marsha to make this lovely service even more beautiful.

If you are interested or want more information, please contact Mother Deborah [revdebwoolsey@gmail.com](mailto:revdebwoolsey@gmail.com) or Marsha Reilly [mareilly1@columbus.rr.com](mailto:mareilly1@columbus.rr.com)



## Ashes To Go Reflection: What was Given, What was Received

Every year I look forward to standing on the sidewalk in front of the church on Ash Wednesday and distributing ashes in the sign of the cross on the foreheads of those who stop for me. One of the many reasons I look

forward to Ashes to Go is because it is a day when I bring what we do in the church to the people outside the church. Most of the people reject what I offer. However, this year few people were waiting for me before the beginning time. Some made a point of going out of their way to receive ashes. More than one person asked what Ash Wednesday is and listened intently as I attempted to answer their question without using words I'm sure they don't know and in a way that still expresses our core beliefs as followers of Jesus. Moments like these tend to be the highlights of the day because they make me feel like we helped show what we are, and it makes me feel good when someone accepts what I have to give.



All that happened again this year. But unlike other years past, where Ashes to Go was an energizing event for me (despite the weather), this year was different. I didn't feel energized afterward, I felt depleted. Perhaps because for the first time, people brought something to me, although it wasn't easy to see at first.

This year I noticed a fair number of students who came up to me in a quiet, humble manner. They lowered their heads and removed hats and hoods. When I asked if they wanted ashes they didn't say yes, they said, "please." When I asked their name, they told me their first name, but when I told them my name, they did not respond as all students have before by saying, "nice to meet you, Deborah." Instead, they repeated my name with a slight nod, and made it sound like an honor. As I spoke the words of distribution, they did not look piously down. They looked me directly in my eyes, not in defiance, but with a wideness that spoke to me of deep longing, maybe sadness. And when my eyes met theirs, their eyes filled with tears. Then they departed and said, "thank you," and I know they meant it because it sounded like they and received something. And I felt it. I'm not completely sure of what happened in these unique Ash Wednesday encounters this year, but it must have been something deeply holy; something between God and the students who came with whatever their longing or need, something I didn't even know I was in the middle of.

As we begin the Season of Lent, I find myself returning to the memories of those tear-filled eyes and thirsty longing and wondering and praying more for the community around me, grateful for the gift of recognizing that there is more longing than we can see. And wondering if this is another way the Holy Spirit might be calling. Perhaps this is another of those questions to be lived, day by day, in order to find any answers. Which feels like Lenten work.

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah

# Kroger Community Rewards Program

This is a program whereby Kroger donates at or near 1% of what you spend through your Kroger Card to a nonprofit group of your choice. Many parishioners are already participating in this program, and while some are supporting other groups in the community, many of us have designated Good Shepherd to be the recipient of this donation.



If you are not already participating and would like to begin, simply bring up the current E-News or Church web page and scroll down to the Kroger Card icon on the left side of the page. If you need help getting signed up, Ted will be available next Sunday. You do need a Kroger Card to participate, but you can get one at the local store.

Please note - renewal is NOT automatic. You must renew ANNUALLY. If you are currently active there will be a message at the bottom of your register receipt. If you think you are active and this message does not appear, your participation has lapsed and you must re-register. This very easy, but if you need help, Ted will help you next Sunday.

This program is an easy and painless way to help provide income to Good Shepherd, and your support is most appreciated. (Jack Flemming)

To enroll or re-enroll the following link is a good place to start. (Note: if you do not live in Athens but shop at a Kroger store, or a chain owned by Kroger, you can still enroll Good Shepherd.) <http://www.chogs.org/kroger.htm>

## From Bondage to Liberation: 2018 Lenten Series

Bishop Thomas E. Breidenthal, along with the Rev. Karl Stevens and Rabbi Daniel Bogard, will lead a Lenten Series, "From Bondage to Liberation," at Christ Church Cathedral on Wednesday evenings beginning February 21.

The cathedral, in conjunction with the bishop's staff, is pleased to offer the series to the entire diocese via livestream technology.

Learn more at [DSOCONNECTIONS](http://www.dsconnections.org)



**From Bondage to Liberation: 2018 Cathedral Lenten Series**

A livestream of the Lenten series, "From Bondage to Liberation," begins Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. You can follow along with the presentation, reflect on some thoughts from the presenters and even text your questions to the bishop!

[Read more](http://www.dsconnections.org)  
[www.dsconnections.org](http://www.dsconnections.org)

## NAMI Family-To-Family Class for Spring 2018



(03/06/2018 - 05/08/2018; 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm)

Do you have a loved one with a mental illness? The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Athens Ohio affiliate is offering a course for family members of adults who have a mental illness. NAMI Family-to Family is a FREE, 12-session education program, for family, partners, friends, and significant others of adults living with mental illness. The course is designed to help all family members understand and support their loved one living with mental illness, while maintaining their own well-being. The course includes information on illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression, and other mental health conditions. Thousands of families describe the program as life-changing. The program is taught by trained teachers who are also family members and know what it is like to have a loved one living with mental illness.

The spring class begins March 6, 2018. Registration is a requirement to attend this FREE class. Please call 740-593-7424 or email [namiathens@gmail.com](mailto:namiathens@gmail.com) for more information and to register.

## Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On February 21 group 3 fed 70 people 78 servings. The main dishes were ham and beans and/or corn, or beans and tomatoes over rice. Stuffed celery, fresh fruit, cake, and beverages were also served.

The volunteers this week were Don Frazier, Josie Gilkey, Zella Nisley, Joanne Larson, Lois Wagner, and Joanne Worstall.

Please remember the hungry in our community in your prayers. To become involved in one or more of the four lunch teams, please speak to Phyllis Dean, Zelma Coleman, Joanne Larson, or David Burton.

**Night**



## Annual Meeting Highlights (February 18, 2018)

The slate of officers and new Vestry members was accepted with a unanimous vote in favor -- as follows: David Burton, Senior Warden; Dana Carlson, Junior Warden; Gregory Proctor, Treasurer; Alex Buckley, Secretary; and Vestry Nominees Thaden Brient, Peg Dygas, Earl Stump and Jen Hastings, student representative. The departing vestry members and officers were thanked and were presented wood beautiful Episcopal shields made by Michael Woolsey.



Mother Woolsey updated the meeting regarding the Café ministry. Proposals have been submitted to Bishop Breidenthal and also to the Province Five Campus Ministry group for additional funds. (Click [HERE](#) for the text of the Café Proposal to the Bishop. Please note that this is just a rough proposal, not a business plan.)

Mother Deborah also described her job as Convener for Campus Ministry which allows her to serve Good Shepherd full time. She noted that the three-year letter of agreement is over (which was extended until the conversation can take place this summer).

Regarding the Merida Project David Burton presented a painted gift box from Merida of which inside was "St. Luke's Heart" (Next time you are in church check

out the pulpit).

Gregory Proctor, Treasurer, presented the Budget for 2018. He explained the budget line by line, noting the clearer layout, and notes. Pledges are down because of numbers, not generosity, hence deficit. We have been drawing down of endowment more than one normally would want to. The budget approved by the vestry for this coming year is approximately \$42,000 in deficit. After wide-ranging discussion and suggestions the parish meeting voted unanimously to receive the deficit budget as presented.

It was noted that the café is expected be self-sustaining and a totally separate budget. The café is viewed an extension of our ministry, not designed to make money, but more about 'presence' and in regards to competition our location is unique.

Through generous contributions from the Black family and church alumni the restoration and re-leathering of the organ will continue.

"In-Kind" contributions of parishioners were noted an appreciated.

Click [HERE](#) for the Parish Annual Reports for 2017 Booklet. (Those who were not able to attend the meeting can pick up copies at the Parish office).

Ted Foster (Clerk)

## Repeat Material Below

### Disaster Relief (via ERD)



There are ways we can help those in the path of disaster. One way is to pray. Another is through Episcopal Relief and Development. ERD is one of the first relief organizations to arrive at locations hit by disaster and to stay to help with recovery. They have an excellent reputation for fund distribution and volunteer coordination.

Please visit their website, [episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org), to donate, volunteer, and learn more.

Lay worship leader training in Gallipolis, OH

Dear Friends,

The Diocese will be offering a two-day training for those who are interested in becoming lay worship leaders (or who are perhaps interested in further developing their own spiritual practices but not necessarily in leading worship!) on April 28th and May 12th, 9am to 3pm. It'll be held at St. Peter's in Gallipolis (541 Second Ave., Gallipolis, OH 45631), which is much more convenient for many of us than Procter.

Please consider announcing these trainings during announcement times and including them in e-news or newsletters. The training needs 6 or 7 people to be viable, but we'd love to have more! The cost is \$20/session, and then they ask that each person provide a \$10/session donation to the church to cover food costs.

Link to the calendar event that gives a description and has the registration form:  
<http://diosohio.org/events/event/lay-worship-leader-training-part-1/>

Link DIRECTLY to the registration form:  
<https://diosohio.wufoo.com/forms/sf0lejg1a35d82/>

**NOTE THAT YOU ONLY REGISTER AND PAY ONE TIME FOR BOTH SESSIONS**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (see below)

Peace to you all!

AJ+

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## Pastoral Care

Because of health care privacy laws, hospitals are no longer able to call your priest or parish when you are in the hospital. That means that if you want a visit from Mother Deborah or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor (a parish member who has some training) you need to call and ask for a visit. For emergencies please call Mother Deborah's cell phone 937-689-8895. If you would prefer prayers instead of a visit, just call and ask for prayers.



Mother Deborah's home phone is 740-249-4497, and her cell number is 937-689-8895, for emergencies.

Her personal email is the Rev. Deborah Woolsey <[revdebwoolsey@gmail.com](mailto:revdebwoolsey@gmail.com)>, and the email through the church is the Rev. Deborah Woolsey <[revdeborah@chogs.org](mailto:revdeborah@chogs.org)>.

Mother Deborah has found that people like to communicate in many ways, so she is reachable on Facebook (<http://facebook.com/deborah.woolsey.12>) and on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/DeborahWoolsey>), and you can check out her blog at (<http://www.revvedupwoolsey.com/>).

Also, here is the link to the Church of Good Shepherd's **Facebook** page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Episcopal-Church-of-the-Good-Shepherd-45701/554345594588086?fref=ts>. Once you get on the page, just LIKE it if you are already a Facebook person. Otherwise you will need to create a Facebook account first.

And the Church of Good Shepherd's Twitter account: <https://twitter.com/CHOGSofAthens>.

## Contact Information

**For pastoral needs**, please contact The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 740-249-4497 (H) or 937-689-8895 (C) or 740-593-6877 (church), or by e-mail at [revdebwoolsey@gmail.com](mailto:revdebwoolsey@gmail.com).

**To find out more about Good Shepherd and other matters**, please contact Allyn Reilly, Senior Warden, at 740-592-2596 or by e-mail at [reillya@ohio.edu](mailto:reillya@ohio.edu).

**For maintenance matters**, please leave a note at the office or contact Allyn Reilly, Senior Warden, at 740-818-5476 or by e-mail at [reillya@ohio.edu](mailto:reillya@ohio.edu).

**For emergencies**, please call The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895.

**NOTE: NON-emergency messages** can be left on the church answering machine (740-593-6877).

### Office Hours:

10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday (closed Friday and Saturday). The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877 or [barbara@chogs.org](mailto:barbara@chogs.org)).

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